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SUBJ: KING HASSAN'S THRONE DAY SPEECH: LITTLE NEW ON

MOROCCAN-SPANISH RELATIONS

1. KING HASSAN'S MARCH 3 THRONE DAY SPEECH CONTAINED LITTLE NEW ON MOROCCAN DISPUTE WITH SPAIN ON SAHARA AND NORTHERN ENCLAVES (OTHER SUBJECTS BEING REPORTED SEPTELS). ON SAHARA, HE OUTLINED BRIEFLY HISTORY OF CRISIS AS IT DEVELOPED FOLLOWING WHAT HE TERMED SPAIN'S DECISION LAST SUMMER TO CREATE QTE INDEPENDENT ENTITY ON OUR STOLEN LANDS IN ORDER TO PERPETUATE ITS DOMINATION AND CONTINUED EXPLOITATION OF ITS RESOURCES. UNQTE SPANISH GOVERNMENT, HE SAID, HAD HOPED TO DECEIVE WORLD OPINION THROUGH THIS DEVICE AND HAD CHOSEN TO FORGET NUMEROUS MOROCCAN EFFORTS AT NEGOTIATION. WITH MOROCCAN PEOPLE UNIFIED IN DESIRE TO SEE JUSTICE DONE, AND WITH SUPPORT OF MAURITANIA AND WIDE RANGE OF COUNTRIES, MOROCCO TOOK ITS CASE TO UN AND ULTIMATELY TO ICJ.

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KING HOPED JUSTICE AND GOOD SENSE WOULD PREVAIL AND THAT MOROCCO'S

POSSESSION OF SAHARA WOULD APPEAR AS UNDENIABLE FACT.

2. KING TERMED ENCLAVES CONSTANT GOM PREOCCUPATION, BUT SAID THAT HERE SPAIN HAD DEFIED GOOD SENSE AND HAD SOUGHT TO DENY TO OTHERS WHAT IT PERMITTED ITSELF. SPANISH RESPONSE TO MOROCCAN

MEMO TO UN ON SEBTA AND MELILIA HAD BEEN ANGRY AND IRRATIONAL. KING NOTED THAT OAU MINISTERIAL COUNCIL HAD EXAMINED MOROCCO'S REQUEST ANEW, HAD SUPPORTED MOROCCAN POSITION AND HAD EXPRESSED STRONG DISAPPROVAL OF SPANISH COLONIALISM. BEFORE TURNING TO OTHER SUBJECTS, KING PROFESSED HIMSELF COMFORTED BY SUPPORT OF "BROTHERS AND FRIENDS" AND SAID HE WOULD NOT REST UNTIL COLONIALIST ARMIES WERE WITHDRAWN FROM MOROCCAN SOIL AND NATIONAL TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY ACHIEVED.

3. COMMENT: THESE REMARKS, WHILE KEEPING ISSUE WITH SPAIN FIRMLY JOINED, DO NOT BREAK NEW GROUND IN CONTROVERSY. MAURITANIA, WHOSE SUPPORT FOR MOROCCAN ICJ INITIATIVE IS CONSTANTLY CITED, MAY HAVE DIFFERENT CONCEPTION OF "JUSTICE AND GOOD SENSE" IN THIS CASE THAN DOES KING.
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